

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(5)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairman Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

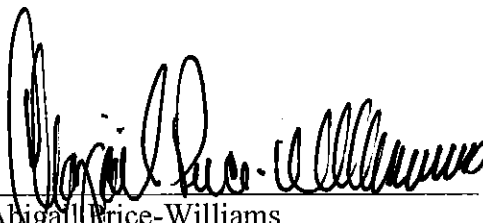
**DATE:** May 1, 2018

**FROM:** Abigail Price-Williams  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution directing the County  
Mayor to develop and implement  
an annual "Report Card" program  
that evaluates the health of  
Biscayne Bay and prepare a  
report for this Board

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava.

  
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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Statement of social equity required
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- ☐ No committee review
- ☐ Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's \_\_\_\_, 3/5's \_\_\_\_, unanimous \_\_\_\_ ) to approve
- ☐ Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

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5-1-18

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR THE  
COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO DEVELOP AND  
IMPLEMENT AN ANNUAL "REPORT CARD" PROGRAM  
THAT EVALUATES THE HEALTH OF BISCAYNE BAY AND  
PREPARE A REPORT FOR THIS BOARD

**WHEREAS**, Biscayne Bay is one of Miami-Dade County's most precious and valuable  
natural resources, providing habitat for a diverse array of plants and animals; and

**WHEREAS**, Biscayne Bay is a place of beauty that provides recreation for Miami-Dade  
County residents and visitors, such as boating, swimming, and fishing; and

**WHEREAS**, Biscayne Bay plays a fundamental role in the economy of Miami-Dade  
County, supporting tourism, commercial fishing, marine transportation, and other water-related  
activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the ecological, aesthetic, social, and commercial value of Biscayne Bay is  
inextricably intertwined with the health of Biscayne Bay; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board adopted Resolution No. R-620-17, supporting the Biscayne Bay  
Marine Health Summit; and

**WHEREAS**, a key recommendation from the Biscayne Bay Marine Health Summit was  
the creation of a simple and easy-to-understand "report card" that would provide the public with  
important information about the improvement or decline in the health of Biscayne Bay; and

**WHEREAS**, other regions across the country have developed programs that provide  
annual "report cards" on the health of their respective bay systems, such as the one developed by  
the University of Maryland for Chesapeake Bay; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important for the public to have a greater understanding of the health of Biscayne Bay and its challenges; and

**WHEREAS**, the County already has data and information about Biscayne Bay through the County's Division of Environmental Resources Management, and this existing data could be used to create an annual "report card" to present this information about Biscayne Bay in a simple and accessible way; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee should also collaborate with local colleges and universities in the preparation of such an annual "report card"; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board wishes to direct the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to develop and implement such a program,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that:

**Section 1.** This Board hereby directs the County Mayor or the County Mayor's designee to develop an annual "report card" program that evaluates the health of Biscayne Bay and employs a simple and easy-to-understand "stop-light" approach to reporting on the health of Biscayne Bay. The health evaluation shall be data-driven, shall use sound scientific principles, and shall incorporate information on water quality and habitat values throughout Biscayne Bay. The program shall include easy-to-read graphics suitable for the general public to understand, and the results of the health evaluation shall be made publicly accessible.

**Section 2.** The County Mayor or the County Mayor's designee shall prepare an executive summary of the program in the form of a report and place the report on an agenda of the Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65 within 180 days of the effective date of this resolution.

**Section 3.** The County Mayor or the County Mayor's designee shall implement the program within 180 days of placing the report on an agenda of the Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava. It was offered by Commissioner , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Chairman	
Audrey M. Edmonson, Vice Chairwoman	
Daniella Levine Cava	Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Joe A. Martinez	Jean Monestime
Dennis C. Moss	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	Xavier L. Suarez
District 5 - Vacant	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2018. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this Resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY ITS BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.

Christopher J. Wahl

Abbie Schwaderer-Raurell

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